

ORCHARD, VINEYARD AND MISCELLANEOUS CROP STATISTICS, 1939-40.

I. ORCHARDS.

1/ Acreage. 29,099 (28,943), increase 156 acres. Trees and bushes of bearing age 24,232 (24,270), decrease 38 acres. Each year a few old orchards are grubbed out, and some small unproductive areas excluded. This last year a further number of apple trees, which had been affected by the previous year's bush fires, were grubbed out or excluded. Trees of not bearing age were 4,867 (4,673), increase 194 acres. Most of the new plantings are of almond trees, the total number of which have increased during the last 5 years from 166,000 to 282,000 (184,000 bearing, 98,000 not bearing).

2/ Production. The apple crop - 589,112 (808,020) bushels - was adversely affected by thrip, heat waves and hail, and the yield was considerably less than expected. Generally speaking, the 1939-40 fruit yields were higher than 1938-39, which however was below average. Increases are noted for - Pears 279,311 (195,995), Apricots 438,190 (343,569), European Plums and Prunes 144,273 (121,517), Plums, Japanese Hybrids 17,443 (12,513) bushels. Peaches were 146,920 (149,602) bushels, and Gooseberries 2,338 (2,599) cwt. Citrus Crops for 1939 were not as good as the record crop of 1938 - Washington Navels 586,710 (622,416), Other Oranges 167,360 (193,044), Poorman 3,610 (4,289), except for Grape Fruit 6,021 (3,921) bushels. Details for all principal fruits are set out in table overleaf.

II. VINEYARDS.

1/ Acreage. 58,222 (58,020), increase 202 acres. Vines of bearing age 55,075 (54,212) acres, not bearing 3,147 (3,808) acres.

The acreage was described as follows - For Winemaking 36,457 (36,457) acres; Drying 21,376 (21,158) acres and Table 389 (405) acres.

2/ Total Grape Yield. 160,651 (150,608) tons with an average per acre of bearing age of 2.92 (2.78) tons. For Winemaking 64,421 (65,634), Drying 95,184 (83,989) tons, and Table 1,046 (985) tons.

3/ Wine made. 11,079,644 (11,147,046) gallons, decrease 67,402 gallons. Fortified beverage wine Bountyable 4,053,652 (4,799,003), Non Bountyable 393,961 (251,403), Unfortified 839,631 (994,895), Total Beverage 5,287,244 (6,045,301), and Distillation 5,792,400 (5,101,745) gallons.

III. DRIED FRUITS.

1/ Currants. 208,930 (191,381) cwts. exceeding last season's record crop by 17,549 cwts.

2/ Raisins. Sultanas 245,440 (192,926) cwts. increase 52,514 cwts, Other Raisins 54,429 (40,212) cwts. increase 14,217 cwts.

3/ Other Dried Fruit. Apricots 27,794 (20,529); Plums and Prunes 12,949 (7,806) cwts; Peaches 5,330 (5,456), Pears, Apples, etc. 8,393 (6,030) cwts.

IV. MISCELLANEOUS.

potatoes 4,499 (4,290) acres, 21,251 (18,487) tons; Onions 644 (542) acres, 4,903 (3,892) tons; Turnips & Swedes 386 (471) acres, 170,289 (217,124) doz. bunches; Carrots 207 (214) acres, 183,010 (208,555) doz. bunches; Red Beet 134 (132) acres, 117,867 (123,669) doz. bunches; Parsnips 59 (68) acres, 59,914 (67,371) doz. bunches; Mangolds 25 (33) acres, 255 (267) tons; Green Peas 1,433 (1,289) acres, 126,966 (97,918) bushels; Tomatoes 734 (628) acres, 243,015 (226,691) bushels; Pumpkins & Melons 425 (410) acres, 2,387 (2,573) tons; Other Market Gardens 1,623 (1,691) acres; Nurseries 209 (177) acres.

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AREA AND PRODUCTION OF ORCHARDS, VINEYARDS, &C. SEASON 1939-40.

Crop	Unit	1937-38	1938-39	1939-40
A R E A.				
ORCHARDS	acre	29,874	28,943	29,099
VINEYARDS	"	57,414	58,020	58,222
MINOR CROPS -				
Potatoes	"	4,387	4,290	4,499
Onions	"	513	542	644
Total Root Crops	"	5,680	5,751	5,954
Green Peas	"	1,232	1,289	1,433
Pumpkins & Melons	"	372	410	425
Tomatoes	"	591	628	734
Other Market Gardens	"	1,546	1,691	1,623
Nurseries	"	184	177	209
P R O D U C T I O N.				
ORCHARDS.				
Almonds	cwt.	10,602	9,984	9,522
Walnuts	"	749	775	545
Olives - Berries	" (1937)	12,723	(1938) 19,371	(1939) 8,682
Olive Oil	gall. "	22,997	" 34,005	" 15,785
Apples	bush.	1,275,486	808,020	589,112
Apricots	"	511,452	343,569	438,190
Cherries	"	46,065	43,478	43,913
Figs	"	27,799	20,998	21,979
Nectarines	"	30,405	27,944	26,460
Peaches	"	176,778	149,602	146,920
Pears	"	279,058	195,995	279,311
Plums and Prunes	"	165,333	134,030	161,716
Quinces	"	23,296	20,645	22,192
Oranges	" (1937)	802,255	(1938) 815,460	(1939) 754,070
Lemons	" "	54,587	" 55,862	" 49,419
Other Citrus	" "	6,623	" 8,663	" 9,969
Raspberries	cwt.	2,976	2,100	1,525
Strawberries	"	3,089	1,879	2,057
Other Bush & Berry Fruits	"	3,122	2,831	2,618
Other Fruits	bush.	4,004	1,689	3,773
DRIED FRUITS.				
Apples	cwt.	1,301	440	448
Apricots	"	35,641	20,529	27,794
Figs	"	1,168	810	867
Nectarines	"	947	811	843
Peaches	"	6,369	5,456	5,330
Pears	"	6,228	3,969	6,235
Plums	"	1,146	580	1,496
Prunes	"	11,163	7,226	11,453
VINEYARDS.				
Total Grape Yield	ton	189,614	150,608	160,651
Wine-Beverage-Fortified				
Bountyable	gall.	5,477,598	4,799,003	4,053,652
Non Bounty	"	141,604	251,403	393,961
" Unfortified	"	1,309,176	994,895	839,631
Distillation	"	8,960,500	5,101,745	5,792,400
Total	"	15,888,878	11,147,046	11,079,644
Currents	cwt.	187,332	191,381	208,930
Raisins - Sultana	"	281,657	192,926	245,440
Other	"	50,521	40,212	54,429
MINOR CROPS -				
Potatoes	ton	21,615	18,487	21,251
Onions	"	4,126	3,892	4,903
Tomatoes	bush.	221,395	226,691	243,015
Pumpkins and Melons	ton	2,398	2,573	2,387
Green Peas	bush.	123,012	97,918	126,966